

STATE OF DELAWARE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL

ON-SITE SYSTEMS ADVISORY BOARD
89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901
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Monthly Meeting Minutes
For February 5, 2014

Members Present: Byron Jefferson, Lāf Erickson, Dave Schepens, Ken Walsh, Phil King, Gerry Desmond, Matt Brill

Also Present: DNREC staff: Roy Heineman, Dawn Dryden, Dan Albanese

- ❖ Meeting began at 9:15 a.m.
- ❖ Ken made a motion to accept the amended agenda items; Gerry seconded, all approved.
- ❖ January 8, 2013 Meeting Minutes reviewed; Lāf made a motion to approve; Gerry seconded, all approved.
- ❖ License Applications:

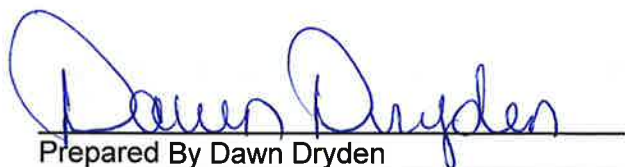
<i>Applicant Name</i>	<i>License Type</i>	<i>Approved</i>	<i>Denied</i>	<i>Motion By</i>	<i>2nd By</i>	<i>All In Agreement</i>
Paul Hignutt Jr.	B	X		Gerry	Lāf	X
Jane Greenwell	B	X*		Ken	Lāf	X
Bruce Selby	F	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Wallace Carlton	F	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Rodrigo Herrera-Guevara	F	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Liborio Rubio	F	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Howard Knauer	F	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Paul Hignutt Jr.	H	X		Gerry	Ken	X
Charles Kristman	H	X		Gerry	Lāf	X

** Dave Schepens abstained from vote*

- ❖ Continuing Education Training:
 - ◆ Delaware Technical & Community College (DTCC) –
 - On-Site Regulations Revision Review (3.5 hours) - *Approved for All Licensees*
 - ◆ Steven Sullivan (Class C # 4593) –
 - Pumps for Pits (1 hour) - *Approved 1.0 hr*
- ❖ Dave Austin (Class B,E,H # 2005) entered meeting at 9:30 am; Byron introduced members; Mr. Austin explained his reasoning for voluntarily appearing to the meeting, to respond to a letter submitted to the OSSAB at the January 8, 2014 meeting from a property owner; Mr. Austin explained that he is very upset about the complaint and explained that he personally assisted the owners from the beginning of the entire process by providing the owners with information to contact the SRF Program to assist the owners; Mr. Austin explained that he installed the permitted

system correctly and has been back to the property at least five times to troubleshoot; there is an apparent issue that causes the alarm to frequently sound which is the owners main complaint; Mr. Austin believes that the owners are using too much water; Jason from the GWDS had previously been onsite and confirmed that there is an average of approximately 370 gpd; Mr. Austin provided photos for review of the entire installation of the system; Ken explained that he had similar situation in which resulted in a faulty control panel; Homeowner (Mike Schott) entered meeting @ 10:05 am; Byron introduced all members; Mr. Schott explained that he and his parents (the property owners of record) had experienced difficulties from the beginning with Mr. Austin; he explained that his concerns are the alarms continuously sounding all hours of the day and night and that he had attempted to contact Mr. Austin several times without any response; Mr. Austin explained that he had revisited the site at least on five or more occasions; Mr. Schott explained that Mr. Austin had relocated the system prior to installation without the owners knowledge; Mr. Austin explained that he had indeed spoken with Mr. Schott's father onsite and explained that he needed to move the location of the system due to an electrical line in which the owner agreed; Mr. Schott explained that Mr. Austin had damaged a pipe to a Culligan water system and that Mr. Austin did not offer to repair or replace; Mr. Austin explained that this property was one of the worst locations he had constructed on in several years due to the condition of the property and several buried utility lines including cable, telephone, etc. as well as a gutter pipe which has discovered; Mr. Schott explained that he is confident that his family does not use 350+gpd of water; Mr. Schott also explained that he is concerned about a hole in which was left in the yard; Mr. Austin responded that he had brought at least seven loads of topsoil; Phil King explained that the topsoil will settle and compact over time; Mr. Austin and Mr. Schott agree to continue troubleshooting the tanks to resolve the alarm issue and will replace the control panel if necessary; Byron explained that this matter is not a licensing matter and that the OSSAB will not take any action at this time; Byron thanked Mr. Schott and Mr. Austin for voluntarily attending the meeting and hoped that they can resolve this matter in a timely manner; Mr. Austin and Mr. Schott left the meeting @ 11:00 am.

- ❖ Letter from Homeowner (Caputo) - Byron read letter from homeowner regarding Mr. Hans Scheing to members; Dan Albanese gave overview; Dan has been onsite and explained that the quality of grading and seeding was poor; Dan also explained that the lift pump was not indicated on the original permit which was designed by Mr. Scheing; Open discussion; OSSAB determined that this could possibly be considered poor quality site restoration; Lãf made a motion to invite Mr. Scheing to the next scheduled meeting, Ken seconded, all agreed.
- ❖ License application review/comments: Dawn presented revised license applications for review
- ❖ Enforcement / Compliance:
 - None to date
- ❖ Next scheduled meeting on March 5, 2014
- ❖ Meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.


Prepared By Dawn Dryden


Approved By Byron Jefferson